

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing Of Claims:**

1-4. (Canceled)

5. (New) A device for triggering a restraint device, comprising:

a control unit for placement in a central location in a vehicle having at least one acceleration sensor and a plurality of upfront sensor, wherein:

the control unit triggers the restraint device if specific derived signals of the at least one acceleration sensor and of the upfront sensors exceed specific thresholds,

the control unit changes the specific thresholds as a function of the signal of at least one of the upfront sensors,

the control unit uses a maximum of the signals of the upfront sensors for changing the respective thresholds,

the restraint device includes a two-stage restraint device,

first and second stages of the two-stage restraint device are triggered if the signal of the acceleration sensor exceeds the threshold values associated with the upfront sensors, and

the threshold values associated with the upfront sensors are changed as a function of the maximum.

6. (New) The device as recited in Claim 5, wherein the control unit forms in each case velocity signals from the signals of the at least one acceleration sensor and at least one of the upfront sensors for a comparison with the respective thresholds.

7. (New) The device as recited in Claim 5, further comprising:

an arrangement for filtering the signal of the acceleration sensor in accordance with an upper limit frequency of up to 100 Hz for forming velocity-like signals.